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FM AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4544

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0380

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RETURN OF TEGAY TO INDIAN OCEAN

REF: PORT LOUIS 0379

1. REFTEL SPECIFIED THAT DUVAL AND AIDES NOT ACCOMPANIED BY TEGAY ON THEIR RETURN MAURITIUS. HOWEVER, AFTERNOON MAY 14, TEGAY TELEPHONED EMBASSY FROM NEIGHBORING REUNION TO SAY HE WAS CALLING IN ORDER INQUIRE HOW DUVAL VISIT TO UNITED STATES HAD GONE.

2. HE WAS TOLD IT HAD BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN PRESS AND GIVEN POLITICAL SLANT. TEGAY TOLD ALSO THAT US UNION LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF POPULAR SYNDICATS, ALTHOUGH FAIRLY INNOCUOUS IN CONTENT, HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN TOTO IN DUVAL'S OWN NEWSPAPER.

3. TEGAY SAID HE DISAPPOINTED SINE HE HAD PLAYED WHOLE VIIST TO US IN "LOW KEY", STATING THAT HE HAD HAD TEAMSTERS DINNER, SET IN TEXAS, CANCELLED, AND DID NOT SCHEDULE DUVAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON. TEGAY THEN ASKED WHETHER HE MIGHT PROCEED TO MAURITIUS SINCE HE HOLDING VISA FOR COUNTRY. HE WAS INFORMED HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE TURNED BACK AT AIRPORT.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY LEARNED IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS PHONE CALL THAT MAURITIAN AUTHORITIES FULLY AWARE TEGAY HAD COME AS FAR AS REUNION AND HAD INFORMED AIRLINE HE NOT TO BE GIVEN TICKET,
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OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE TO BE RETURNED AT AIRLINE'S OWN EXPENSE.

OBVIOUS, THUS, THAT TEGAY'S CALL TO EMBASSY WAS NOT SO MUCH TO
SEE IF COAST WAS CLEAR AS TO INVEIGLE EMBASSY INTO POSITION
SUGGEST HE COME AHEAD TO MAURITIUS.

5. AT CONCLUSION OF TELCON, TEGAY SAID HE WOULD LET WHOLE MATTER
DROP; WE NOT SO SURE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS END OF AFFAIR.
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